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**RESPONSE TO
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group V, claims 13-17, drawn to methods of screening drug candidates for treating depression via APAF1 levels, with traverse.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the grounds that there is not a serious burden on the Examiner to examine the inventions. There is not a serious burden on the Examiner to examine the inventions carved into Groups I-VI because searching the subject matter of one group necessarily searches the other groups (*i.e.*, searching with APAF1 will reveal all art related to APAF1 including nucleic acids, antibodies, protein complexes, screening, etc.) An application must be examined on its merits even if it has


independent or distinct inventions, as long as a serious burden is not put on Examiner to search and examine the application. (MPEP § 803, Restriction – When Proper.)
Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

CONCLUSION

Applicants note the filing of a Preliminary Amendment on July 2, 2004, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicants' will provide a courtesy copy to the Examiner.

It is not believed that any time extension or fees are required with this response. If this is incorrect, an extension of time as deemed necessary is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account no. **50-1627**.

Respectfully submitted,


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